

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the rejections are hereby requested.

Claims 1-88 are pending in the application. Claims 1-76 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 77-84 have been rejected and claims 85-88 have been allowed. New claims 89-100 are being added.

Claims 77-84 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd ¶ as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention. The examiner indicates that the physiologic signal recited in claim 77 is so broad that it may not be related to the heart. In response, claims 77 and 81 have been amended to state that the signal is indicative of cardiovascular system activity. Support for this amended language may be found in the specification on Page 8 at Line 17 that states "In general, the physiologic signal is a signal indicative of cardiovascular system activity." Claim 81 has also been amended to improve its clarity in response to the examiner's comments. It is submitted that these amendments overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections and reconsideration is requested.

It is noted that the examiner has indicated that claims 85-88 are allowed.

New claims 89-100 have been added and are directed to other aspects of the invention.

It is submitted that claims 77-100 are now in condition for allowance and early favorable action is requested.

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